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1. PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH MINISTER-WITHOUT-PORTFOLIO CHOU SHU-K'AI MARCH 3 PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT POINTS MADE BY UNDER SECRETARY HABIB TO AMBASSADOR SHEN REFTEL. IN CONVERSATION THAT ENSUED MINISTER CHOU RECALLED EVENTS OF AUTUMN 1971 WHEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WAS EXPELLED FROM THE UN AND THE SUBSEQUENT ISSUANCE OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IN EARLY '72. THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE BITTERNESS IN THE ROC OVER THE FEELING THAT THE US IN EFFECT SWITCHED ITS POSITION WITHOUT WARNING, LEAVING THE ROC OUT ON A LIMB. CSK HOWEVER SAID HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN ENGAGING IN RECRIMINATIONS ON THAT SCORE BUT RATHER TO EMPHASIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT WOULD BE, ONCE WE HAVE MADE UP OUR MIND TO TAKE AN IMPORTANT STEP (NORMALIZATION OBVIOUSLY INTENDED, ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED) THAT WE CONSULT WITH THE ROC AND WORK THE PROBLEM OUT TOGETHER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO COME THROUGH ANY CHANGE WITH THE LEAST DAMAGE DONE. ON OTHER WORDS, RATHER THAN HAVING THEM READ IT IN THE NEWSPAPER, HE SAID, "TELL US AND LET US PREPARE, IF IT IS INEVITABLE."

2. I SAID I UNDERSTOOD HIS POINT AND THAT I BELIEVED THAT THIS
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WAS OUR INTENTION EVEN THOUGH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLT TO COMMIT OURSELVES AS TO THE POINT AT WHICH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE SUCH DISCUSSIONS, AND I RECALLED HABIB'S RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE DISCUSSIONS ON MATTERS AFFECTING RELATIONS IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR SHEN. AT THE SAME TIME I SPECULATED PERSONALLY THAT WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT NORMALIZATION IF THERE

WAS ANY CHANCE THAT THIS WOULD RESULT IN AN EFFORT BEING MOUNTED
TO RALLY OPPOSITION TO THE INTENDED ACTION.
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